

SHELVE BIG BILLS TO CHECK DEFICIT

Neither River and Harbor Nor Public Buildings Bill to Pass.

Washington: Fearing a treasury deficit, which might aggregate \$100,000,000, the House leaders have decided that the present Congress will be asked to consider neither the river and harbor nor a public building bill. This announcement will directly affect and make impossible the projects at Carthage and St. Louis. Representative Benton, who represents the Carthage district, had sufficient assurance from the leaders of the majority to make certain the inclusion of the Carthage building bill at this session. The same conditions surround the St. Louis project, for which Representative Bartholdt has already secured something like a half million dollars, but which can not be carried forward until there is an additional appropriation. Fortunately for St. Louis, Mr. Bartholdt returns to the next Congress.

After a conference with fiscal officials the fact was noted that the appropriations last year were \$42,000,000 in excess of the receipts. This does not indicate extravagance or loose financial methods, as there was an unusual expenditure of \$50,000,000 on account of the isthmian canal, the government paying to the French canal company \$10,000,000 and \$10,000,000 to the new republic of Panama. If these amounts were deducted from last year's appropriations it would leave an \$8,000,000 excess of receipts over appropriations. The reports of the treasury department show that in the five months which have passed of the fiscal year the expenditures exceeded the receipts by \$25,000,000, or the deficit has been growing at the rate of \$5,000,000 a month. Presuming that there will not be an increase in the receipts of the government during the balance of the fiscal year, that the appropriations will be kept down to bed rock, and that there is to be no river and harbor bill and no public building legislation, it is clear that the expenditures of the government will exceed the receipts in the fiscal year by \$60,000,000. The lowest figure that has been named for a river and harbor bill is \$35,000,000, and the lowest figure offered for a public building bill is \$10,000,000. If these bills are passed there will be a deficit of more than \$100,000,000.

PEABODY GIVES

NOTICE OF CONTEST

Files Petition to Throw Out Alleged Fraudulent Vote.

Denver: Notice of former Governor James H. Peabody's contest against Governor Alva Adams for the office of Governor was filed Thursday. The complaint sets forth the allegation that the majority of 9,774 for Adams on the face of the returns as finally canvassed was obtained by means of a conspiracy in Denver and several other counties.

The Legislature is petitioned to open the ballot boxes from a number of precincts in Denver, Adams, Las Animas, Boulder and Conejos counties. It is alleged the frauds in these precincts were so extensive and varied that it would be impossible to segregate the true from the false ballots, and the Legislature is asked to discard these precincts altogether.

It is charged that a padded list of 10,000 names was used in Denver on election day, and that the registration books contained at least 15,000 false, fraudulent and mythical names. It is further set forth that 10,000 votes were cast by repeaters in this city.

Charges of ballot-box stuffing, substitution of prepared ballots for those cast by voters, and counting by election judges, are included in the specifications of fraud. Another charge is that in order to defeat Governor Peabody ballots already marked with a cross for Adams were handed by the election officers to voters who were known to be Republicans.

MRS. J. L. BLAIR

FAILS TO APPEAR

Is not Present to Testify at Life Insurance Hearing in New York.

New York: The taking of testimony in the case of the Mutual Life Insurance Company to annul its policy for \$250,000 on the life of the late James L. Blair of St. Louis, was resumed Tuesday before Master in Chancery Scofield. The hearing was removed here from St. Louis in order to procure the attendance of certain witnesses, whose testimony was much desired.

Among those whose testimony is desired is Mrs. Appolline Blair, widow of the former St. Louis attorney, who is now living with her mother in this city, but she failed to appear. Neither was any member or representative of Dick Bros., who are said to have been among the first to discover Blair's pecuniaries.

Mrs. Marcum Wins Suit.

Winchester, Ky.: The jury in the case of Mrs. Abrella Marcum, who sued Judge James Hargis, former State Senator Alex Hargis, Sheriff Ed Callahan of Breathitt County, and Attorney Fulton French for \$100,000 for alleged conspiracy with Curtis Jett and Thomas White to slay her husband, James B. Marcum, Monday returned a verdict for \$8,000 against James Hargis, and Sheriff Callahan and found for the defendants in the case of French and Alex Hargis.

DENEEN TAKES UP OFFICIAL DUTIES

Inauguration of Illinois's New Executive a Military Event.

Springfield, Ill.: Escorted by a glittering array of the land forces of the State of Illinois, the first Governor from Chicago to be elected as a Republican to the highest office in the gift of the State, proceeded from the Executive Mansion to the Hall of Representatives, where, before a great audience, he took the oath of office and entered officially upon his term of four years.

In quite the Sherman manner the McDonough county statesman did just the opposite of what was expected and what was planned. Lieutenant Governor Sherman did not ride in the inaugural parade, and when he was called to the front to take the oath of his office the echoes responded to the announcement of Speaker Shurtliff and no Sherman appeared.

A ripple of surprise ran through the crowded hall, and those who know of the expressed sentiment of Judge Sherman shortly after the Trautmann speakership boom was punctured by the new administration, wondered of he had determined finally to refuse to become the Lieutenant Governor of the State.

During the reading of Governor Deneen's inaugural address, however, he came into the hall unobserved, and just before the joint session rose and was sworn in, repeating the words of Chief Justice Riess almost inaudibly, except at the point where he solemnly promised to uphold the Constitution of this State, which has always been a Sherman watchword.

With this exception the exercises were carried out as had been planned and Monday night a new administration was in charge of the affairs of the State.

Chicago was here in force, a thousand or more of her citizens being on hand to do honor to her popular citizen. As the parade reached the entrance of the statehouse the big guns roared the Governor's salute and Governor Yates and Governor-elect Deneen entered the building arm in arm followed by the retiring and incoming State officers in pairs.

There was no delay in the ceremonies. Speaker Shurtliff asked Chief Justice Riess of the Supreme Court to administer the oath of office.

Mr. Sherman's absence was explained by a note from him saying that he had to meet his niece at the train at 11 o'clock and could not be in the procession.

FOLK IS GOVERNOR

OF COMMONWEALTH

Simplicity and Dignity Characterize Inauguration of New Executive.

Jefferson City, Mo.: Marked by the passage of time-honored Democratic figures and the appearance of young men at the head of departments, many of them Republicans, the Hall of Representatives will not see in many years such a transformation in the administration of the Missouri government as took place Monday.

Everything in connection with the inauguration was characterized by a simplicity and dignity that made the ceremonies notable. A former nominee for President spoke from the same platform before the new Governor took his oath of office. Distinguished citizens from the entire State listened to the inaugural address.

Flowers and greens were on every side. Bouquets adorned every legislator. National colors draped the rostrum, windows and balcony. A crowd that could not gain admittance to the small Hall of Representatives was compelled to remain outside and hear echoes of what was transpiring on the inside.

Long before noon, the hour for the inauguration, the hall was filled. Governor Dockery and his successor entered the hall through a congested mass of people that made ingress almost impossible.

Following him came the new officers elect on the arms of the retiring officers. They took seats near the State Senators, who had come in for the joint session a few minutes before.

The Justices of the Supreme Court occupied seats immediately in front of the Speaker's stand.

As soon as Governor Dockery and Governor-elect Folk reached the rostrum, Chief Justice Brace of the Supreme Court administered the oath of office. After this was completed the new Governor delivered his inaugural address.

Governor Favors Whipping Posts.

Salem, Ore.: The legislature Thursday listened to the reading of Gov. Chamberlain's message. The message carried a recommendation that a law be passed establishing whipping posts for wife-beaters. A great demonstration followed the reading of this clause in the message, the applause lasting for some minutes.

Wounds Wife and Kills Himself.

Murphysboro, Ill.: T. Walker, aged 50 years, shot himself twice through the heart Wednesday, after wounding his wife, whom it is alleged, he deemed unfaithful. He wound is not considered fatal.

Deep Snow and Sleet at Marshall.

Marshall, Mo.: Wednesday morning a heavy sleet began to fall, which lasted for several hours. About 6 or 8 inches of snow and sleet together have fallen in the last twenty-four hours.

RUSSIANS TRY TO PREVENT JAPANESE ARMIES UNITING

Tokio: The bodies of Russian cavalry raiders actively operating south-west of Liao-Yang are evidently desirous of harassing Japanese railroad communication and interrupting the transportation of General Nogai's army to reinforce Field Marshal Oyama at Liao-Yang.

The Japanese army headquarters reporting Thursday says:

"Wednesday, at 10 in the morning, a Japanese cavalry detachment encountered four companies of Russian cavalry west of Tangmasas, southwest of Liao-Yang, and fiercely engaged them.

"At 2:30 in the afternoon the Russians were repulsed with heavy losses, but subsequently they were re-enforced by several companies of cavalry and eight guns. The Japanese drew the Russians to Liouhpac and engaged and pursued them.

"On Wednesday night a small body of Russian cavalry reached the railroad

line and tore up the tracks between Anshentien and Haicheng and Tatchekiao and Yinkow. They were immediately repaired and the line was re-opened to traffic.

"On Wednesday afternoon 2,000 Russian cavalry, with guns, attacked Nien-chwang. The Japanese were forced to retire temporarily, but were re-enforced, attacked the Russians, and are still pursuing them. The Russians also attacked at Nienchiatun, but were repulsed."

A report from the Japanese Army headquarters on the Liao-Tung Peninsula received Friday, says:

"A body of Russians, evidently from General Mischenko's cavalry brigade, with the Second Infantry Regiment, railroad guards and guns, recently surrounded the Japanese post at Nienchiatun, north of Yinkow, on the line of communications, and assaulted it from the direction of Siantziatun. The Russians were repulsed, losing at least eighty men."

TALBOT INQUIRY FALLS BY THE WAY

Board Considers There is Lack of Canonical Authority.

Reading, Pa.: There will be no investigation, for the present, at least, of the charges preferred by the Reverend Doctor L. N. W. Irvine against Bishop Ethelbert Talbot of the Central Pennsylvania Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

"A lack of canonical authority," is the conclusion of the eleven members who attended Friday's meeting of the Board of Inquiry. The full board consists of sixteen.

By many it is said that other charges will be preferred against Bishop Talbot under canons now in force.

After the session began the gates leading to the Wood Chapel of Christ Church, where the meeting was held, were locked and strict instructions were given that no member of the board was to be disturbed or called out by anyone. This indicated that the session would be secret and that the desire of Doctor Irvine to have the meeting public would be ignored.

Morning and afternoon sessions were held. At times the debates and discussions were animated, but it is said that the finding of the board was unanimous. Between the sessions the members of the board, who had been accused of bias in the Reverend Doctor Irvine's letter of Thursday night, were interviewed. They treated the matter lightly and refused to attack him in a similar vein. The board finally adjourned Friday evening.

RIPLEY WITHDRAWS HIS REQUEST FOR A HEARING

Admits Technical Violations of Interstate Commerce Law.

Chicago: President E. P. Ripley of the Santa Fe Railway Company has withdrawn his request for a rehearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission in the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company rebate case. His reasons for this action are given by him in the following telegram, sent to the chairman of the commission:

"Since requesting a rehearing in the matter of the investigation of the New Mexico coal rates, I have been furnished with notes of evidence already taken, and find that there is no testimony to support the criticism of the press that have concerned me personally the most, and that while there may have been technical violations of the law, yet inasmuch as I have known them to have been unintentional and that they resulted in injury to no shipper, and in view of the fact that the entire matter is the subject of a pending civil action which will be heard before a Federal court, I beg to withdraw such request."

Free Zone Strip Abolished.

El Paso, Tex.: The abolition by the Mexican government of the "free zone" a strip of territory extending along the entire border for a width of twenty kilometers, is announced here on reliable authority. When the zone was established it was believed that the regular customs duty would prove a great benefit to the towns on the border. It was claimed, however, that the growth of the border cities has been retarded, and a change has been asked for, with a view to offering protection to new enterprises which promise to locate in the border section.

To Transfer Forest Control.

Washington: From the Committee on Forest Reservation, Senator Kittredge Friday reported a bill transferring the control of forest reservations from the Interior to the Agricultural Department.

Edwards Calls Parliament.

London: King Edward, at Thursday's meeting of the privy council, signed an order convening parliament for February 4. The session will be opened by the king personally with full state ceremony.

Mangled in Ore Crusher.

Wenona, Ill.: Fred Katwitz, superintendent of the workings of the Wenona zinc company, was horribly mangled Thursday afternoon by being caught in the cog wheels of an ore crusher. His recovery is doubtful.

CATTLEMEN BOLT THE LIVE STOCK CONVENTION

Railroad Fight Results in Formation of Rival Organization.

Denver, Colo.: The National live stock association was rent in twain Friday by the adoption of a new constitution which admitted the packers to membership and provided an open door through which the railroads of the country may at any time become factors in the control of the association.

The cattlemen, horse and swine growers, together with representatives of some of the affiliated industries, refused to agree to the new constitution, withdrew when they considered its adoption probable, and Friday afternoon formed a new organization under the name of the American stock growers' association, whose aim will be to wield a dominant influence in the interest of the cattle grower.

Roughly speaking, the sheep growers, commission men and the stock yards interest, remained with the National live stock association, and the actual growers of all other animals for the market have gone with the new association.

J. L. Bristow Is To Resign.

Washington: Mr. Bristow, fourth assistant postmaster general, is to resign his place in the post office department January 20, and the President proposes to appoint him a special commissioner to make an investigation into the present trade conditions and freight rates between the Atlantic and Pacific coast and between the west coast of South America and the east coast of the United States and Europe, to determine the best policy of managing the Panama railroad.

Must Stay in the Penitentiary.

Washington: The motion for leave to file petition for a writ of habeas corpus, filed here last week in the Dolan-Barrett-Garrett naturalization fraud cases, was denied Monday by the United States Supreme Court. The effort was the last to secure the freedom of the three men from St. Louis. The action of the court closes the last avenue of defense and the accused trio must serve their terms in the penitentiary.

Blizzard in Southeast Texas.

Corpus Christi, Tex.: All this part of Southeast Texas is experiencing the worst blizzard in years, and a drop of ten degrees below freezing is predicted. This will cause a heavy loss to growers of oranges, lemons and winter garden truck.

Delaware Deadlock Broken.

Dover, Del.: W. R. Denny, Union Republican, was elected Speaker of the House late Friday. This breaks the deadlock in the lower branch, and is the result of a conference held between the Union and regular Republicans.

Severely Hurt by Fall.

Nashville, Ill.: Prof. Herman Winte, principal of the Lutheran parochial schools at New Minden, was probably fatally hurt through a fall Wednesday by slipping on the ice-covered walk. Two ribs were broken and he sustained other internal injuries.

New Coal Mining Plants.

South McAlester, I. T.: William Busby, the largest coal operator in the Indian Territory, announced Friday that he would erect two large plants for the washing of coal as it comes from the mines. The improvements will cost \$65,000.

Russian Governors Relieved.

St. Petersburg: Grand Duke Sergius for reasons of health, has been relieved of the governorship of Moscow. Prince Galtzina has also been relieved of the governorship of the Caucasus.

George Pryor Is Re-Employed.

Jefferson City, Mo.: George S. Pryor, who has been employed in the office of State Treasurer R. P. Williams, has been employed by Insurance Commissioner Yates to do special work. He will remain there until the end of Mr. Yates's term of office.

Danish Ministers Resign.

Copenhagen: The remaining members of the Deuntzer cabinet have resigned. King Christian has requested the ministers to carry on business until their successors are selected.

HEAVY SNOWFALL AND INTENSE COLD

Wheat Fields of West Covered by Saving Blanket of Snow.

A blizzard extended throughout the West and Southwest Tuesday night, carrying with it a heavy fall of snow, sleet and rain, and in some places extremely low temperatures.

In the wheat belt the snow is of inestimable benefit, while the rain that came to Texas, the Indian Territory and Oklahoma was equally beneficial.

Throughout Missouri, Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska snow fell almost unceasingly all day Tuesday.

Snowstorm in Western Missouri.

Kansas City, Jan. 10.—A severe snowstorm prevailed to-day in Western Missouri and throughout Kansas. The temperature ranged from 6 degrees above zero at Kansas City and 27 above at Arkansas City.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 10.—Snow, which began to fall at noon to-day, continues to-night. A heavy wind is causing drifts that interfere greatly with the operation of railway train schedules. The street railway service has been suspended, and to-night a few cars are being operated to the packing district with great difficulty. Grain men say the snowfall, which to-night amounts to an average of four inches, will be of immense benefit to winter wheat. Fields have been suffering greatly for want of moisture.

Springfield, Mo., Jan. 10.—The snowstorm which prevailed here all day has turned to sleet to-night. The temperature was 3 degrees above this morning and 17 above at 7 o'clock to-night. Street-car traffic on most of the lines has been suspended and all railroad trains are reported delayed.

Intense Cold Throughout Illinois.

Chicago, Jan. 10.—The coldest weather of the season prevailed here to-day, the minimum temperature being 6 below zero. Owing to absence of snow and wind, effect on traffic was not severe.

Cairo, Ill., Jan. 10.—Cairo is now shaking in the grasp of the coldest snap of the year, and with the thermometer down around 9 degrees above zero, the black and white flag still waves on the Customhouse and ice and snow covering the streets and sidewalks. A heavy sleet storm is raging, and the street-car service has been blocked. Not a car is running to-night.

Kansas Wheat Fields Under Snow.

Topeka, Kans., Jan. 10.—Snow has been falling all over Kansas to-day. Reports from along the Rock Island and Santa Fe railroads received here say that the snow was general and differed from the usual winter moisture in that there is no wind to cause it to drift, and it fell everywhere alike, covering up the wheat fields with a mantle of snowy white. It will do the immense wheat fields and the ranges in the western half of the State much good and make all of the moisture required in this part of the world.

Worst in Paducah Since 1903.

Paducah, Ky., Jan. 10.—This section is experiencing the worst weather known since the memorable sleet and freeze of 1903. On top of the heavy snow and rain came a freeze and for hours a cutting sleet has been falling. Street-car traffic is stopped, trains are late and the telephone and telegraph companies are having trouble.

Blanket Over Nebraska and Iowa.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 10.—A heavy snow is falling over Nebraska and eastern Iowa, the precipitation being about three inches at midnight. A continuance of the fall is predicted by the local forecaster. There is but little wind and the snow will generally prove beneficial. A report from Lincoln says: "Following zero weather last night and this morning, snow began falling at noon and continued throughout the afternoon and to-night over Southwestern Nebraska. There is little wind and no drifting. The temperature continues low."

DOROTHY DENEEN GOES UNDER SURGEON'S KNIFE

Governor's Daughter Successfully Operated Upon for Appendicitis.

Chicago: Dorothy Deneen, the 10-year-old daughter of Gov. Deneen, who has been suffering from appendicitis for the past few days, was successfully operated upon Tuesday night. After the operation attending physicians announced that everything seemed favorable for the recovery of the patient.

Gov. Deneen, who was recalled from Springfield Monday night on account of the child's illness, said Tuesday night that he would not return to the state capital until his daughter is out of danger.

Many Drainage Canal Suits.

Eureka, Ill.: Suits have been begun in Circuit Court of Woodford county aggregating almost a quarter of a million of dollars against the sanitary district of Chicago for damages alleged to have been caused by the flow of water from the drainage canal. The claim is made that damages are due to overflow and to the fact that lands are kept wet constantly. The suits range in amounts from \$1,500 to \$75,000. Twelve have already been begun and other are likely to be filed.

The Congressional Grist

The Big Law Mill at Washington Now Grinding Out Laws.

Monday, January 9.

Representative Baker's resolution looking to an investigation and prosecution of Mr. Paul Morton, Secretary of the Navy, on the charge of being a convicted felon, was taken up for a short consideration by the Judiciary Committee of the House to-day and tabled.

The Senate to-day in executive session confirmed a large number of appointments. The House to-day passed the Senate resolution providing, among other things, for the holding of the inaugural ball in the Pension building. On a vote of 200 yeas and 100 nays the resolution was passed, but a roll call enabled those favorable to the Pension building proposition to muster their strength and pass it.

Tuesday, January 10.

The Senate to-day continued consideration of the joint resolution bill, the chief accomplishment being the acceptance of most of the amendments suggested by the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Stewart presented an amendment to the bill providing for control of affairs in Indian Territory by a superintendent to be appointed by the President, and paid a salary of \$15,000 a year.

The committee amendments to the statehood bill, to which there was no objection, were accepted, but many were passed over with the understanding they should have further consideration.

Mr. Newlands urged the amendment of the bill so as to protect the monopoly of desirable lands. He said no purchaser should be permitted to purchase more land than was necessary to support a family.

The session of the House to-day was given over almost entirely to discussion of the bill reported by the Committee on Banking and Currency to improve currency conditions.

Democratic opposition mainly was dissipated by the adoption of amendments offered by Mr. Williams of Mississippi, providing that government deposits shall be made only on comparative bids. Final action on the bill was not taken.

The impeachment charges on which Judge Charles Swaine will be tried were introduced before an amendment and notice was given by Mr. Palmer of Pennsylvania, chairman of the committee of seven which prepared them, that he would call the matter up on Thursday next.

Wednesday, January 11.

The appointment of Lieut. Gen. Miles as assistant general of Massachusetts overshadowed all other news in the discussion of the army appropriation bill in the House to-day. The debate had proceeded leisurely until Mr. Hull, in charge of the bill, offered an amendment providing that retired officers above the grade of major should not receive the full pay of their grade when ordered to duty with the militia of the several states.

Several members declared that the amendment was directed especially at Gen. Miles, but Mr. Hull insisted that he had no such thought in mind, and argued that the best results were obtained from officers of the highest grades. The amendment was adopted.

Consideration of the army bill was not resumed when the House adjourned until to-morrow.

The attention of the Senate to-day was divided between the statehood question and government regulation of railroads. Mr. Newlands made a formal speech on the railroad subject, and at its close engaged in a spirited controversy over the points involved with Senators Spooner, Foraker and others.

Mr. Newlands addressed the Senate on the joint resolution introduced some days ago, which provides for a commission with instructions to frame a national incorporation act for the construction and consolidation of railroads engaged in interstate commerce. Mr. Newlands said it was time to ignore state lines in the construction, operation and management of railroads, and added that the power sought was constitutional.

Such control, he declared, would be advantageous to the railroads. He wanted increased power for the interstate commerce commission.

The statehood bill was taken up and an amendment agreed to which would have the effect of leaving the location of the capital to the legislature of Oklahoma.

The amendment prohibiting the sale of liquor to Indians in what is now the Indian Territory for all time, and to other sections for ten years, created a discussion. It was passed over for the time.

The amendment making a donation of \$5,000,000 for the education of the public schools of the proposed state of Arizona was adopted after striking out the provision for the payment of interest on the sum.

Mr. Foraker then presented his amendment providing that the portion of the bill applying to New Mexico and Arizona should not take effect until the formation had been finally voted upon by each territory separately, but pending its consideration the Senate adjourned to meet in executive session, and at 1:25 p. m. adjourned.

Thursday, January 12.

The House to-day devoted its entire session to a discussion of the impeachment charges against Judge Charles Swaine. A dramatic incident occurred when Mr. Littlefield of Maine called on Mr. Lamar of Florida, who filed the charges against the judge, and admitted the formation of an alleged interview with the judge, claimed to have been intended to induce the judge to commit an act of violence against Judge Swaine.

Mr. Lamar admitted the interview, but denied making any suggestions that could be construed into advising assassination of murder.

The articles of impeachment were brought up in the House to-day immediately after the judge's conviction.

Mr. Littlefield of Maine said he felt it his duty to give to the House what the record showed and what it did not show. He then analyzed the evidence in the case in all phases, and said that more than the majority of the committee except the subcommittee had read the report when they voted for impeachment.

The bill was passed transferring Fayette county, Tex., from the western to the southern judicial district.

The Shuckeloff resolution authorizing the committee on interstate commerce to investigate the Panama railway company was also passed, after which the House, at 5:35 p. m. adjourned.

The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was to-day read at length in the Senate, and there was considerable discussion of the civil service and of the provision for an investigation of foreign trade conditions by the department of commerce.

The bill for the encouragement of the merchant marine was reported to the Senate, and Mr. Bailey made a point that the commission had been pledged to report in favor of discriminating duties and not in favor of ship subsidies. The suggestion was rebuffed by Senators Gallinger and Lodge, who were members of the commission.

On motion of Mr. Foraker, the provision requiring the labeling of carriages occupied by government officials other than cabinet officers was struck out.

Mr. Berry made a point of order against the amendment increasing the salaries of members of the civil service commission from \$3,500 to \$4,000, but pending the decision the Senate, at 4:35 p. m. adjourned.

Arkansas Public Lands Report.

Little Rock, Ark.: State Land Commissioner Conway has submitted his report for the last three months of last year to Governor Davis. It shows a total of \$14,247.72 received by the department for sale of State lands, aggregating \$1,444.47 acres.

Federation of Labor Meets.

St. Louis, Mo.: The fourteenth annual meeting of the State Federation of Labor convened here Monday and will continue the sessions over five days. About 250 delegates are in attendance.